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FOR ROBERT RANDOLF, CIVAIR ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CAB INVESTIGATION OF GERMAN CHARTER

FLIGHT OPERATOR: CHRISTLICH SOZIALE ARBEITERS GEMEINSHAFT

1. CAB'S BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLY ILLEGAL U.S. CHARTER FLIGHT ACTIVITIES OF FOLLOWING GERMAN ORGANIZATION: CHRISTLICH SOZIALE ARBEITERS GEMEINSHAFT, AN DER WINDMUEHLE 10, 5000 COLOGNE-FULHEIM. SINCE THIS ORGANIZATION HAS APPEARED AS CHARTERER FOR HUNDREDS OF RECENT CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN BRUSSELS AND POINTS IN U.S., IT MAY BE A COMMERCIAL ENTITY PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN AIR TRANSPORTATION, AND THUS OPERATING IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LAWS. THE PERSON WHO HAS SIGNED MOST OF THE CHARTER CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION IS A HERR STOMMELN.

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2. TO ASSIST CAB IN DEVELOPING ITS CASE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IF POSSIBLE CONCERNING SUBJECT ORGANIZATION: A) DOES IT APPEAR TO BE NON-PROFIT OR COMMERCIALY ORIENTED? B) IS ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE TO ARRANGE TRAVEL? WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES TRAVEL ARE OFFERED? C) WHAT IS BASIS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WHAT ARE PROCEDURES FOR JOINING? HOW LARGE IS ITS

MEMBERSHIP? WHAT IS REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP? D) IS IT INCORPORATED? IF SO, IN WHICH JURISDICTION?

3. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO MAKE ON-SITE INSPECTION OF ORGANIZATION'S PREMISES AND TO DESCRIBE THEM. IS THERE ANY RESEMBLANCE TO A TRAVEL AGENCY?

4. EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO PARA 2 AND 3 SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN UNCLASSIFIED CABLE AND SHOULD LIST NAME OF EMBASSY OFFICER MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING INFORMATION. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT EMBOFF MAY BE CALLED TO TESTIFY IN U.S. COURT IF CASE COMES TO TRIAL. EMBASSY'S REPORT IS REQUESTED BY MID-OCTOBER, PREFERABLY SOONER.

5. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CALL ON GERMAN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES AS A FIRST STEP IN OBTAINING ABOVE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THOMAS MCBRIDE AND JOSEPH HAMILTON OF CAB'S BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT, IN THEIR RECENT VISIT WITH MR. R. D. NIESTER AND DR. DIETER STUCKENBERG OF THE GERMAN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES, EXPRESSED A MUTUAL INTEREST IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE. ROBINSON

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